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Group Art Unit : 2827

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Examiner : Jose Alcala

For : PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

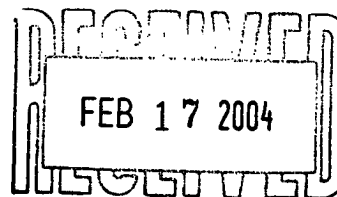
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Transmitted herewith is a Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Office Action and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 to Final Office Action Mailed December 9, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No Additional Fee.

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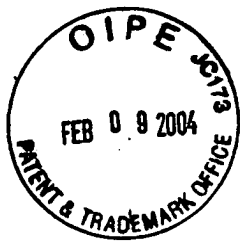
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 9, 2003**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 9, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until March 9, 2003.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the initial due date for response, and is, in fact, being filed prior to the expiration of two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. Therefore, if an Advisory Action is mailed in this application after three months from the mailing of the Final Office Action, then the shortened statutory period should expire on the date that the Advisory Action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) should be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

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Moreover, if any extension of time is required in this application to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time that may be required for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.